

## Nature of Reality

A great many plethora of thoughts and views have been written and spoken about for countless generations; in a multitude of cultures and civilisations. So who is right? Logic dictates that two contradictory beliefs cannot co-exist. So then are none of these arguments correct?

The nature of reality and God (gods) in Hindu traditions is itself very broad. The henotheistic interpretation of the Vedas again poses a 'who is right?' conundrum; and history has seen the less intelligent spark riots of bloody violence over even such a moot point as to who is supreme, Vishnu or Shiva.

Then the Upanishads put forth the impersonal paradigm which has divided and confused many on the path. Reducing to the irreconcilable dualities of existence and non-existence.

Hinduism is not one unitary religion as such, rather a network, a web of systems that interact, yet, at times remain distinct. One always has to incorporate history and geography when digesting religious mythologies. What edge the whetstone sharpens, burrs the other.

For example, the Zoroastrian Persians had names for demons whose etymology derived from Hindu India's devas (Gods), and vice versa. Their Gods were called Ahuras, undoubtedly linked to the Hindu word for demons Asuras, and their word for demons was devas.

So 'Whence cometh evil?' may well be answered by 'From beyond the horizon'. Societies have always feared the outsiders, the lands beyond the great span. We have somewhat lost that in the modern age... but have we really?

Nevertheless this bifurcation into dualities, both on a theoretical level and a physical, (geographic) one, exists, and by seeing from above the divide, one can be lead to the aforementioned suggestion, that none of them are right! Which, from the angle of incidence of non-duality would be correct; but, does that miss the point. For to say such ideas are correct binds you in duality again, and leads us no closer to answering the 'who is right?' question.